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TO AMEMBASSY BUCHAREST IMMEDIATE

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TAGS: OVIS,RO (POPA,OCTAVIAN JEROME)

SUBJECT: HUNGER STRIKERS IN NYC: MRS. AURELIA POPA

REF: BUCHAREST 2606

1. DEPARTMENT INFORMED JUNE 12 BY OFFICE OF CONGRESSMAN ZEFERETTI (D,NY) THAT MRS. AURELIA POPA IS "CRITICALLY ILL AND MAY BE DYING" FROM EFFECTS OF HUNGER STRIKE UNDERTAKEN BEFORE UN IN NYC IN EFFORT TO ASSIST IN THE EMIGRATION OF HER SON OCTAVIAN JEROME POPA.

DEPARTMENT RELAYED CONSUL PERKINS PERSONAL MESSAGE TO MRS. POPA (REFTEL) THROUGH CONGRESSMAN ZEFERETTI'S OFFICE, AND HAS ALSO FORWARDED IT DIRECTLY TO MRS. POPA VIA WESTERN UNION.

2. CONGRESSMAN ZEFERETTI'S OFFICE INDICATES HE WILL UNDERTAKE DIRECT INTERVENTION WITH AMBASSADOR BOGDAN AND POSSIBLY ALSO A TELEGRAM TO PRESIDENT CEAUSESCU.

3. EMBASSY SHOULD USE INFORMATION ON MRS. POPA'S REPORTEDLY CRITICAL MEDICAL CONDITION (WHICH IS FROM A UNCLASSIFIED

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MEDICAL SOURCE) IN ITS ON-GOING DISCUSSIONS WITH MFA

ABOUT OCTAVIAN'S CASE. EMBASSY MAY ALSO POINT OUT IN  
ADDITION TO HUMANITARIAN CONCERNS VERY NEGATIVE IMPACT

MRS. POPA'S DEATH OR PERMANENT INCAPACITY WOULD HAVE  
WITH CONGRESS.

4. DEPARTMENT GREATLY APPRECIATES EFFORTS EMBASSY HAS  
BEEN AND IS MAKING IN THIS AND SIMILAR CASES. KISSINGER

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